GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG FACILITY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of area covered under the LPG facility in the country, State-wise ;

(b) whether the Government proposes to extend LPG facility in remaining area particularly in Lakshadweep and Himachal Pradesh ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : As on 1.4.2005, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating 9,001 LPG distributorships in various States and Union Territories, including Lakshadweep and Himachal Pradesh. Through these distributorships, OMCs are serving about 845 lakhs LPG customers covering 43.5 % population of the country. The State/UT-wise details are at Annex.

Government have advised OMCs to concentrate their future expansion plans on semi-urban and rural areas in the country, including Lakshadweep and Himachal Pradesh and to take innovative steps like opening community kitchens in villages and sale of 5 kg cylinders to low-income group customers to increase the supply of LPG in uncovered areas.

ANNEX

The details of customer population in the States/UTs in the country

State/UTs Customer Population (Lakh)

(1.4.2005) # State-wise % Customer population

Andhra Pradesh 93.65 55.3
Arunachal Pradesh 1.00 46.2
Assam 14.95 30.3
Bihar 19.72 14.3
Chhattisgarh 8.12 19.9
Delhi 37.93 100.0
Goa 3.64 100.0
Gujarat 47.39 48.6
Haryana 27.85 75.1
Himachal Pradesh 10.87 89.4
Jammu & Kashmir 12.00 76.9
Jharkhand 8.56 17.8
Karnataka 46.82 45.2
Kerala 44.68 66.0
Madhya Pradesh 34.17 31.1
Maharashtra 112.93 57.1
Manipur 1.87 50.0
Meghalaya 0.83 19.6
Mizoram 1.59 89.2
Nagaland 1.10 33.6
Orissa 12.20 15.9
Punjab 40.18 92.4
Rajasthan 34.72 37.5
Sikkim 0.88 76.8
Tamil Nadu 77.58 53.5
Tripura 1.95 29.2
Uttar Pradesh 86.29 33.7
Uttaranchal 13.14 82.1
West Bengal 42.30 26.9

Andaman & Nicobar 0.40 51.4
Chandigarh 3.02 100.0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli 0.28 61.8
Daman Diu 0.25 70.5
Lakshadweep 0.03 29.2
Pondicherry 2.02 100.0
TOTAL (rounded off) 844.92 43.5

= Deduced from Primary Census Abstract : Census of India 2001 website as on 01-02-05